

COUNTY OF KAUAI  
Minutes of Meeting  
**OPEN SESSION**

Board/Committee:		Committee on the Status of Women		Meeting Date	September 21, 2016
Location	Mo`ikeha Building – Meeting Room 2A/B			Start of Meeting: 5:00 p.m.	End of Meeting: 6:00 p.m.
Present	Members: Sharon Lasker, Wendy Martinez, Kathy Crowell, Edie Ignacio-Neumiller and Erika Valente Also present: Board & Commissions Office Staff: Support Clerk Mercedes Omo; Deputy County Attorney Sinclair Salas-Ferguson Also present: YWCA Executive Assistant/Human Resource Jamie Bucao and Kaua‘i Violence Coalition Representative Patricia Wistinghausen.				
Excused	Chair Virginia Beck and Vice Chair Jenai Hart				
Absent					
SUBJECT		DISCUSSION			ACTION
Call To Order					Ms. Lasker called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. with five (5) members present constituting a quorum.
Approval of Minutes		Regular Open Session Minutes of June 15, 2016.			Ms. Ignacio-Neumiller moved to approve the meeting minutes of June 15, 2016. Ms. Martinez seconded the motion. Motion carried 5:0.
Election of Secretary		Ms. Ignacio-Neumiller nominated Wendy Martinez to the position of Secretary. Ms. Martinez accepted the nomination. Ms. Lasker called for a motion.  After the vote, the members welcomed Wendy Martinez to the committee.			Ms. Ignacio-Neumiller moved to elect Wendy Martinez to the position of Secretary for the remainder of the year. Ms. Valente seconded the motion. The motion carried 5:0
CSW 2016-07		<u>Discussion and decision-making on having a showing of the film “Miss South Pacific”.</u>  Ms. Lasker stated that with the absence of Chair Beck it would be a good idea, if the members agree, to defer the matter to the October meeting, hearing no objections, Ms. Lasker called for a motion to defer.			Ms. Ignacio-Neumiller moved to defer item CSW 2016-07 to the October meeting. Ms. Valente seconded the motion. The motion carried 5:0

SUBJECT	DISCUSSION	ACTION
<b>CSW 2016-09</b>	<p><u>Discussion and decision-making on a screening of the film “Equal means Equal”.</u></p> <p>Ms. Ignacio-Neumiller introduced YWCA Executive Assistant/Human Resources Jamie Bucao to the committee. Ms. Bucao stated that based on the success of the first screening which was held at the Waimea Theater in August, the YWCA thought it would be a good idea to have a second screening, only this time in a more central area and more time to plan. The YWCA was able to get backing from other organizations across the community. She stated that the film is a documentary from filmmaker Kamala Lopez, and it covers a broad spectrum of women’s issues highlighting areas of inequality including domestic violence, contraception, incarceration, the gender wage gap, and sex-trafficking just to name a few. It also discusses the weakness of current laws and the historical difficulties in passing of The Equal Rights Amendment.</p> <p>Ms. Bucao stated that the next screening will take place on Friday, October 21<sup>st</sup> at the Kaua‘i Community College Performing Arts Center in Puhi, Kaua‘i. The doors will open at 6:00 p.m. The screening will be followed by an advocate panelist discussion featuring Kaua‘i Prosecuting Attorney Justin Kollar, Major General (Ret) Mary Kay Hertog, U.S. Representative Tulsi Gabbard (tentative), YWCA of Kaua‘i Prevention Educator Snow Carapetyan, and YWCA Executive Director Renae Hamilton.</p> <p>Ms. Bucao added that the YWCA of Kaua‘i will be hosting a Purple Sale of gently used handbags before and after the screening to help raise funds for their domestic violence programs in conjunction with the Allstate Foundation 2016 Purple Purse Campaign. For more information on the Purple Purse Allstate Foundation google: <a href="https://www.crowdrise.com/YWCAofKauai-PurplePurse2016">crowdrise.com/YWCAofKauai-PurplePurse2016</a></p>	

SUBJECT	DISCUSSION	ACTION
	<p>Ms. Wistinghausen stated that the Kaua‘i Violence Coalition will also be at the event to show their support. She shared that it’s inspiring to know that various organizations in the community are coming together help bring awareness to domestic violence issues as well as financially empower domestic violence victims within the community.</p> <p>With no further comments or questions, Ms. Lasker called for a motion to co-sponsor the event.</p>	<p>Ms. Ignacio-Neumiller moved that the Committee on the Status of Women lend their support to the YWCA in its second showing of the film “Equal Means Equal”, as volunteers and will authorize the use of the County’s official logo for the publicity needs. Ms. Crowell seconded the motion. The motion carried 5:0.</p>
<p><b>CSW 2016-10</b></p>	<p><u>Discussion and decision-making on drafting a resolution that supports the principles of eliminating all forms of discrimination against women and working with the Council for its passage.</u></p> <p>Ms. Lasker stated that given the complexity of the task, and as a suggestion perhaps the committee could form a two-member subcommittee and include Lisa Ellen Smith to help draft the resolution.</p> <p>Ms. Crowell stated that she would contact Lisa Ellen Smith to see if she could help with preparing a draft resolution for review and possible approval at the next meeting. With no further discussion, Ms. Lasker called for the motion.</p>	<p>Ms. Ignacio-Neumiller moved that Ms. Crowell work with Ms. Smith on preparing a draft resolution that supports the principles of eliminating all forms of discrimination against women. Ms. Martinez seconded the motion. The motion carried 5:0.</p>

SUBJECT	DISCUSSION	ACTION
<b>CSW 2016-11</b>	<p><u>Discussion and decision-making on allocating funds in the FY 2016/2017 Budget for all upcoming Committee events.</u></p> <p>After the discussion, the Committee came up with the following allocations for each event:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2 Drug Court Graduation Ceremonies - \$100.00 for refreshments (\$50.00 for each event)</li> <li>• Career Day Event - \$500.00 down payment for venue; \$347.00 for promotional items.</li> <li>• March Women’s History Month - \$375.00 to cover the sign permit fee, cost to rent venue and refreshments.)</li> <li>• April’s Walk A Mile/Mayoral Equal Day Proclamation - \$0</li> <li>• September Health Fair - \$50.00 for refreshments</li> <li>• October “Paint the Town Pink Breast Cancer Awareness Mini-Walk” - \$100.00 for refreshments. The event is set for Wednesday, October 26<sup>th</sup> at the Mo’ikeha Building (Rotunda). Warm-ups by Fitness Instructor Bev Brody starts at 11:15 a.m. Ms. Lasker will contact the American Cancer Society to provide healthcare materials at the event. Ms. Ignacio-Neumiller noted that she would contact Lisa Ellen Smith to have her create a flyer for the event.</li> <li>• Na Wahine Alaka’i O Kaua’i Women’s Leadership Awards Banquet, November 15<sup>th</sup> at the Smith’s Tropical Paradise Luau. The committee allocated up \$300.000 for eight (8) members, with each member paying</li> </ul>	

SUBJECT	DISCUSSION	ACTION
	half out of pocket.	After the discussion, the Committee voted unanimously to approve the allocation of funds for each event:
<b>Announcements</b>	Next meeting – Wednesday, October 19, 2016, at 5:00 p.m. at the Mo’ikeha Building, Meeting Room 2A/2B. Chair Beck and Ms. Ignacio-Neumiller will not be attending the October meeting due to personal and work obligations.	
<b>Adjournment</b>	With no further business to conduct, Ms. Lasker called for a motion to adjourn the meeting.	Ms. Ignacio-Neumiller moved to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Crowell seconded the motion. The motion carried 5:0.  At 6:00 p.m. the meeting adjourned.

Submitted by: Mercedes Omo  
Mercedes Omo, Staff Support Clerk

Reviewed and Approved by: Jenai Yoshii  
Jenai Yoshii, Vice-Chair

(x) Approved as circulated on **October 19, 2016**

( ) Approved as amended. See minutes of \_\_\_\_\_ meeting.